

1776

King George III

born in 1738

reigned from 1760 → 1820

He was a generous patron of both
astronomy and music
died in 1820 after decades of
growing blindness and
mental illness

Dec 25, 1776

Gen. George Washington and his
troops crossed the Delaware River
for a surprise attack against
Hessian forces at Trenton, N. J.

Dec 8, 1776

George Washington's retreating
Army in the American Revolution
crossed the Delaware R. from New
Jersey to Pennsylvania

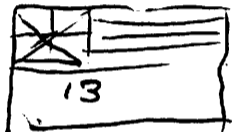
Jan 10, 1776

Thomas Paine published his
influential pamphlet, 'Common Sense'

Nov. 16, 1776

British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution.

Jan 2, 1776



The Flag designed by Committee
chaired by Franklin in
1775 was first flown
over Washington Hq
before Boston. This was the
GRAND UNION FLAG.

MAY 22 to June 5, 1776

Washington was in Philadelphia
at the request of the Congress
May 22 to June 5, 1776

Pennsylvania Naval records show
that on May 26, 1777 an order was
drawn on "William Webb &
Elizabeth Ross for fourteen pounds,
twelve shillings and two pence.

for the making ships' colors, etc. "

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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

"We hold these truths to be self evident:
that all men are Created equal; that
they are endowed by their Creator
with certain inalienable rights; that
among these are life, liberty, and
the pursuit of happiness."

...

"And for the support of this declaration
with a firm reliance on the

protection of Divine Providence, we
mutually pledge to each other
OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND
OUR SACRED HONOR."

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Boston had floating batteries
in the harbor and six cruisers
on the high seas. They
flew from their masts the
Pine Tree Flag



Continental
1775-1777